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## TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

### THE GERMAN RETREAT.

French Occupy Further Points.

London, March 26.

A French communiqué says:—Between the Somme and the Oise, our artillery dispersed enemy gatherings. Between Bessy and Arrivillers, south of the Oise, we made important progress in the lower Coney forest, and occupied Falaubray and La Fueille, notwithstanding the difficulties of the terrain and a vigorous enemy resistance. We also progressed north of Soissons and in the region of Vregny.

### Successful Belgian Raid.

London, March 27.

A Belgian official wireless message says:—A Belgian detachment raided the German positions near Smeentstraat, and inflicted losses, razed the works, and brought back prisoners.

### French Progress on Coney Plateau.

London, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, writing from Soissons on March 26, says:—The plateau of Coney, up the southern side of which the French are fighting their way in the teeth of fierce opposition, is the south-western projection of the vast Laon plateau. Its surface is broken by countless ravines and is frequently wooded. Under a clear sky and bright sun it is hot enough in the afternoon to tempt weary men to lie and bask in the rays.

The French are steadily driving the enemy from position to position. The wilderness of mud has disappeared, and men and guns advance over fields, taking cover as in wars of a decade ago. There is frequent fusillading, which shows that the rifle has come to its own again.

The brilliant French capture of the Red Bridge over the ravine on the Maubeuge road gave the French the key to the whole Coney plateau.

The attacking regiments are mostly peasants, and are infuriated at the sight of ruined farms and orchards. They stormed the position with irresistible fury and repulsed three counter-attacks in two days. The enemy has not abandoned hope of retaking the wrecked bridge. Fighting is still raging.

The French are also pressing forward on the left in the vicinity of Margival, and on the right in the vicinity of Vregny.

Every gain is followed by a counter-attack, wherein the Germans recklessly and fruitlessly sacrifice men.

The enemy's position at Vregny is most strong, his guns and machine guns sweeping the natural glacis.

### British Outpost Withdraws.

London, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, writing on the 26th inst., says:—The only change yesterday was the retirement of the British outpost at Roisel before a strong German force of cyclist infantry, which suddenly appeared. We still hold the railway junction between Marquais and Roisel.

Our occupation of Beaumont les Cambrai evidently annoys the Germans. They attempted a bombing attack to the north of the place yesterday morning, but were repulsed with considerable loss. German artillery is more active, but the firing is desultory and nervous.

### St. Quentin Sector.

London, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that interest is now concentrating in the sector of St. Quentin, which both the British and the French are approaching.

The French capture of the Esigny plateau, immediately south of the two, is notable, as it commands the gap which is the direct strategic route between Paris and Belgium. It also marks a considerable step towards outflanking the town. The Germans, recognising its importance, have numerous counter-attacks, but all attacks have been shattered with heavy enemy loss.

### Romania's Joy.

London, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says that the Anglo-French successes have aroused the greatest enthusiasm. Newspapers are torn from the hands of the sellers as soon as they appear, and the public devour the communications and Reuter's dispatches, which have revived the spirits of the Romanians most extravagantly.

### GERMANY AND AMERICA.

"Flagrant Violations" of Treaties.

London, March 26.

Reuter's correspondent at Washington says that the United States reply to the German proposal for an amendment of the Prussian-American Treaty, states:—"The Government is seriously considering whether or not the Treaty has not been already abrogated by Germany's flagrant violations of their provisions."

### Marines to be Brought to War Strength.

London, March 27.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson has ordered that the Corps of Marines shall be brought up to a war strength of 17,400.

### The Appam.

London, March 27.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, the Supreme Court has ordered the immediate transference of the Appam to her British owners.

### GERMAN WAR ON RELIEF SHIPS.

London, March 27.

It is stated that twelve Belgian relief ships have been torpedoed since 1914.

## TELEGRAMS.

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### THE RUSSIAN UPHEAVAL.

The Movement in Tashkent.

London, March 27.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that officers from Tashkent report that the Tartars at Kirghis and Sarts have joined the Revolution. There were great festivals in the towns and villages, which were beflagged, while thanksgiving services were held in the mosques. General Karapetkin addressed 200,000 demonstrators at Tashkent.

"The Grandmother of the Revolution."

London, March 27.

The arrival of Madame Brozhkovsky, "the Grandmother of the Revolution," was the occasion of rejoicings at Omak. She was received by the Commanding General and ceremoniously conducted to her residence—the ex-Governor's Palace, which is now styled the House of the Republic.

600 Machine-Guns Found in Petrograd.

London, March 26.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, an Extraordinary Commission is investigating the illegalities of ex-Ministers and officials under the old regime. It is stated that six hundred machine-guns have been found in different parts of the city.

At the first performance at the Opera House since the Revolution, two members of the Executive Committee of the Duma addressed the audience from the Imperial box. Two workmen's and soldiers' delegates spoke from another box.

The new governing body of Finland comprises six Social Democrat members, and six representatives of other parties. The *Bourgeois Gazette* states that the body of the monk Rasputin has been burned.

### Guards Declare for Revolution.

London, March 27.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, the Volynsky Guards were the first regiment to declare for the Revolution. It marched to the Tourida Palace to express loyalty to the Government, carrying red flags inscribed "Don't betray our comrades in the trenches. Make shells." The band played the Marseillaise.

### Loyal Services.

London, March 27.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, a telegram from Riga says that M. Gatchkov, Minister of War, has arrived and was given an ovation by sailors and troops, who took the oath of fidelity to the Government.

Delegates of the Government who have returned to Petrograd from the Riga front give an excellent account of the spirit of the troops in the trenches.

### IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

Peers and Commons Urge Immediate Action.

London, March 27.

At a meeting of the members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, supporting the principle of Imperial Preference, it was resolved that, in view of the Paris Economic Conference resolutions of June, 1916, and of the fact that Lord Balfour of Balfour's Committee has reported in favour of the adoption of a policy of preference and commercial treaties with the Allies, to request the Government to submit the Paris resolutions and Lord Balfour of Balfour's report to the Imperial War Cabinet and Conference. The meeting further requests the Government forthwith to set up machinery to give effect to the resolutions and to carry out a policy of Imperial Preference, in accordance with Mr. Asquith's announcement to Parliament in February, 1916, that it was not intended to await peace to give effect to the Paris resolutions.

### POSSIBLE OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALY.

"A Bigger Affair Than Verdun."

London, March 27.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Rome, M. Barsillai, when visiting the front conversed with General Cadorna, who returned to the report of the Italian Army was quite prepared. He himself had neglected nothing to meet the strongest attack. If the enterprise attributed to the enemy was carried out, it would be a bigger affair than Verdun, but it would have the same result.

### GROUNDLESS RUMOURS.

Stories of "Invasion" of Scotland and Lowestoft.

London, March 26.

An unprecedented crop of alarmist and circumstantial rumours throughout Great Britain during the week-end, led Mr. Will Thorne to ask Mr. Bonar Law, in the House of Commons, whether he had any information regarding reports of invasions in Scotland, Lowestoft and elsewhere.

Mr. Bonar Law said he had heard a great many rumours himself, but all of them were without foundation.

### PRUSSIAN PRINCE DIES OF WOUNDS.

London, March 27.

The *Daily Express* says the Prussian airman, Prince Friedrich Karl, has died of wounds. He was recently reported as missing.

### THE STATE AND THE "TRADE."

London, March 27.

It is understood that if the State Liquor purchase is carried out, the value of stocks of whisky in Great Britain is bound to rise, as over a hundred million must be added to the three hundred millions payable to the Government in compensation.

## TELEGRAMS.

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### THE WESTERN FRONT.

Germany's Main Power.

London, March 27.

A message from Amsterdam quotes the *Nieuwe Courant* which says that between March 19 and March 18 the German transport of troops to Belgium was on a larger scale than in 1914.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS.

Melbourne, March 26.

In the throes of the general election most members of the Federal Parliament have gone to the constituencies to open the campaign which will be bitterly fought between the supporters of Mr. Hughes' Government and the Labour Party, who broke away from Mr. Hughes on the conscription issue.

Mr. Hughes, who has been offered thirty-two seats, has decided to contest Bendigo and will make an important speech there next Thursday.

Mr. Tudor, the ex-Minister of Customs and now Leader of the Opposition, has issued an electoral address stating that if he is returned the Labour Party will do its utmost under a voluntary system to secure every fit man for the front and also to extend ship-building and help the Allies by stimulating food production. Repatriated soldiers will be helped to the utmost. A scheme of Tariff Revision will immediately be introduced with a view to the protection of Australian manufacturers. He describes the Daylight Saving Act as vexatious and promises its repeal. He also says that war profits will be further taxed. "We will again submit to the Referendum the proposal to extend the powers of the Commonwealth Parliament. We will provide pensions for widows and orphans." Mr. Tudor opposes a compulsory levy on wealth, favouring instead revenue by income tax. He declares that the decisions of the Imperial Conference affecting Australia should be submitted to the Federal Parliament for ratification.

The Ministerialists are confident of a majority in the Lower House but it is generally felt that the result of the Senate will be doubtful.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

German Story of an Attack.

London, March 26.

An official German message received by wireless states: We attacked the French, who advanced across the Somme-Croix Canal, inflicting heavy losses, in a fierce fight, making prisoners of a hundred. We repulsed three attacks to the east of Ailette and hand-to-hand fighting resulted in a check to the French advance to the north of the Aisne. An air squadron on Saturday night attacked Dunkirk and caused several fires. The enemy lost eleven aeroplanes on Sunday.

### British Capture Lagnicourt.

London, March 26.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says:—We captured Lagnicourt northward of the Bapaume-Cambrai road making prisoners of thirty. We drove off determined counter-attacks to the east and north-west. The artillery dispersed a third attack and repulsed a bombing attack to the north of Beaumont. Machine guns scattered parties approaching the neighbourhood of Fausseart and Ypres. There has been much fighting in the air. Two German machines were brought down and three were driven down damaged. Seven of ours are missing.

### A SERIOUS HOME STRIKE.

London, March 26.

In the House of Commons replying to a question regarding a serious strike at Barrow-in-Furness since March 21, Mr. Bonar Law said the cause was the alleged cutting of the time allowance under the premium bonus system. As the result of a conference between Mr. Hodge and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and allied bodies, a telegram had been sent asking the strikers to resume work immediately on the understanding that an arbitration award would be made within seven days. This offer was still open. Mr. Bonar Law added that the Government viewed the interruption of the production of munitions with the utmost gravity, and the stoppage of work when other methods of settlement were open could not be too strongly deprecated.

### EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

London, March 26.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope said he believed that the Germans had 32,500 British prisoners and 8,763 British prisoners in Turkey had been traced while 2,079 had not been traced. The Government was considering the proposal to exchange six hundred Turkish and British prisoners of war with a view to a wider exchange in the future.

### GERMAN RUL. IN BELGIUM.

Amsterdam, March 26.

It is now officially announced that Belgium is being divided into two administrative areas with Brussels and Namur as their respective centres.

### THE SILVER MARKET.

London, March 22.

Messrs. Montagu & Co.'s report of March 22 states that the silver market is apathetic. The arrivals have been small until to-day when a large consignment from America was delivered. There has been a certain amount of general demand, and some "bear" deals covering part of the Indian hoards, the bear position of which has been reduced to some extent. This position, it is noted, is the steepest since the Shanghai exchange, which does not favour India or big sales from China. Delayed in transmission.

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### MUNITIONS-FACTORY EXPLOSION.

London, March 27.

The Press Bureau announced that an explosion occurred at a munitions factory in the North of England this morning. There was no serious damage. One person was killed and nine injured, three seriously.

### THE CANADIAN WAR LOAN.

London, March 27.

The Canadian War Loan of \$30,000,000 has been over-subscribed by \$20,000,000. The applications aggregated over 40,000.

### DEATH OF M. BLANCHET.

Vice Consul for France in Canton.

News has just been received from Canton of the death of Monsieur Blanchet, Vice Consul for France. His death was due to typhoid, contracted a few days ago.

Monsieur Blanchet had been at his post in Canton for a few months only, having come from Montse, Yunnan, where he was in charge of the French Consulate for several years. Before entering the Consular service he was in the French Navy, in which he attained the rank of Enseigne de Vaisseau. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss.

Heartfelt sympathy will be felt for his bereaved family, his numerous friends and to the French community, by whom this loss is deeply regretted.

### An Hoile Waterspout.

Hoile recently experienced a huge waterspout. It started from Calle Real, passed down Calle Arroyo, and then out to sea, leaving rain and convection in its wake. A health service ambulance was lifted from the street and deposited upon the beach in wrecked condition, several houses demolished, and two paces smashed. No casualties are reported.

### DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Clark's Circus, Kowloon.—9.15 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

General Meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, 5.30 p.m.  
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
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## GENERAL NEWS.

F.M.S. and Singapore Telephone.

A letter has been addressed to the  
Penang Chamber of Com-  
merce Committee, on the subject  
of the proposed establishment of  
trunk telephone system extend-  
ing from Singapore to North  
Kedah. It was resolved that a  
copy of the letter be sent to the  
Chamber's Representative in  
Canton, inviting him to take up  
the matter on the lines suggest-  
ed in the letter.

Japanese in Hankow.

Some time ago a native of  
Hankow sent a memorial to the  
Senate requesting that the Govern-  
ment should negotiate with the  
Japanese Legation at Peking to  
remove the Japanese barracks  
and soldiers from places outside  
the Foreign Settlements at Han-  
kow. The Committee has now  
passed a resolution to request the  
Government to act accordingly.

Milk Cards.

Owing to a deficiency in the  
milk supply a system of milk  
cards has been put in force at  
Halsed, Essex. By an arrange-  
ment between the urban district  
council and the dairy farmers the  
local doctors are provided with  
cards, which they hand to parents  
of young children and to invalids,  
and the holders of these are  
entitled to be supplied first by  
the roundmen.

A Sensible Suggestion.

The Duke of Northumberland,  
at the County Council meeting at  
Newcastle, suggested an amend-  
ment, which was carried, to a  
resolution regarding the employ-  
ment of prisoners of war in  
England on highways. The  
Duke's suggestion was they  
should be employed in quarries,  
and he added, "I don't think  
those German chaps should be  
wandering about our highways."

Death of a Noted Engineer.

The death occurred at Belfast,  
last month in his 90th year, of  
Mr. Thomas Ross Salmon. The  
deceased was resident engineer to  
the Belfast Harbour Commis-  
sioners for a period of 21 years,  
retiring on a pension in 1892.  
He was largely responsible for  
the construction of the Alexandra  
Graving Dock and the recon-  
struction of the Donegal and  
Queen's Quay. Prior to settling  
in Belfast he gained wide ex-  
perience as assistant engineer of  
the Clyde Navigation Trust.

Diplomatic Changes.

The Times understands that  
Mr. G. D. Grahame, Counsellor of  
Embassy at Rome, has been  
appointed to the post of Coun-  
sellor of Embassy at Paris, which  
was rendered vacant by Lord  
Granville's appointment as  
British Representative to the  
Provisional Government of M.  
Venizelos at Salonica. Mr. Gra-  
hame will be succeeded at Rome  
by the Hon. W. Erskine, now  
First Secretary at Athens, and  
Mr. Dayrell Crackanthorpe has  
been appointed First Secretary at  
Athens.

Railway Nationalisation.

A conference on railway  
nationalisation was held in  
Glasgow recently under the  
auspices of the Scottish Co-  
operative Wholesale Society.  
Mr. Robert Stewart (chairman),  
presided over 600 delegates from  
trade unions and co-operative  
societies. Mr. E. M. Davies  
(London), chairman of the Rail-  
way Nationalisation Society, who  
was the principal speaker, ad-  
vocated nationalisation on three  
grounds: of economy, improved  
labour conditions, and better  
facilities for the development of  
trade and industry. A resolution  
was submitted by Mr. McPherson,  
National Union of Railwaymen,  
calling upon the Government to  
assume control of the railways by  
purchase at their real value, and  
it was unanimously adopted.If you have lost your appetite  
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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1917.

### THE HONGKONG CHINESE AND THE WAR.

If no definite plan of campaign was decided upon at Sunday's meeting of Chinese at the Tung Wah, the deliberations were at least carried on in the right spirit, and it was made quite evident that the Chinese of this colony mean to show their loyalty to the British Empire in a most practical form. We are given to understand that another gathering will be held in the near future and that the method to be followed in collecting the war contribution will then be finally settled. The keynote of Sunday's meeting was the frank acknowledgment by the Chinese that, having made their money in British territory, it was their clear duty to come to the financial aid of the Empire at a time like the present; and this fact was driven well home by Mr. An Tak's spontaneous promise of a lump sum—a good example which was immediately followed by a similar promise from Sir Robert Ho Tung. When the nucleus of a fund is forthcoming from the outset, one is encouraged to believe that there will be little enough difficulty in raising the entire amount.

The Chinese British subjects in the Colony need no reminding as to their duty in the matter. They have shown by their many past acts of loyal generosity that they regard British citizenship as a privilege; as something of which to be proud. But there are other Chinese here, who hail from over the border and owe no allegiance to the Crown. Among them are many honourable men whose sense of duty reminds them that, since they are accorded the complete protection of our flag, it becomes them, at a time when the Empire is in need of money, to show their appreciation of the fact in a tangible manner. There are, however, others who apparently recognise no moral obligation in the matter; who come and go just as they please; who pose as British subjects if it should happen to suit their pockets or personal safety at a given moment, and who, while making the bulk of their money in Hongkong, consider that they are under no obligation whatever to the Union Jack. To these—whether they be coolies, artisans, traders, clerks or millionaires—we should like to suggest that, if they are conscious of an indebtedness to the British Government and if British protection is valuable to them, it is not altogether easy to understand why they do not prefer to reside and to carry on their business in their own territory. To such people, life in China proper would, of course, present no terrors, and the fact that in certain districts they may have to pay heavy sums in taxes and blackmail to dishonest magistrates, brigands etc., is a mere detail of no consequence. Happily the Hongkong Chinese can be relied upon to make clear to these gentlemen that they are expected to put their hands in their pockets for the benefit of the Imperial Government.

Meanwhile we are anxious to know the means that will eventually be decided upon for collecting the various contributions. The other day we suggested that probably the collecting could be done most expeditiously and with the least friction through the native guilds, whose organisation is usually very thorough; but it has since been pointed out by a Chinese correspondent of the Telegraph that this method might leave many sources untouched, since there are a number of wealthy Chinese who belong to no guild at all. This is, of course, true. Some of the wealthiest of the Chinese—property owners, crisscrossers to foreign firms, and proprietors of businesses which trade almost exclusively in foreign wares—have abandoned the customs of their forefathers and have gradually come to know far more about limited liability companies, as understood at home, than they know of gold pinyin. In view of this, our correspondent suggests the formation of a registered association which will bring in all capitalists, whether guild-members or not; and we feel sure that this idea will find favour with most of the really thinking Chinese.

### Hongkong Shipbuilding.

Two circumstances yesterday served to emphasize the big future which lies before Hongkong as a shipbuilding centre—the launching of Autolysus and the jubilee meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. At both these functions speeches were delivered which reflected not only a determination to maintain and expand British shipping construction in the East, but a capacity to do so as well. For the first time in their history, we believe, Messrs. Alfred Holt and Company have gone outside the United Kingdom in placing the order for a great ocean-going boat. The war, of course, has been responsible in a measure for that fact, but from the expert opinions which have already been passed on the work done, there would appear to be no reason why in the days to come Hongkong should not receive a very substantial proportion of Britain's big shipping orders. In fact, on the berth just vacated by the Autolysus the keel of a sister ship is at present being laid down. Turning to the Kowloon Dock, which is now working in friendly rivalry with Tsikoo, we are told that six vessels will be completed there within the next half-year, while arrangements are under way for erecting a new shipyard with four 800-foot berths, capable of building very large craft. All this is good news which promises well for the future. There is no doubt about it that Hongkong to-day possesses some of the finest and most modern shipbuilding plant in the world, and we feel sure that when that fact is more fully realised by shipowners at home, the Colony will come into its own in this connection. The number of skilled Chinese workmen is steadily increasing and at a time when there is necessarily a shortage of labour at home, the successful construction of great vessels such as the Autolysus will do much to advertise Hongkong's capacity as a modern shipbuilding centre.

### Our Pavements.

Once more we would ask whether action is or is not going to be taken by the police in the matter of the obstructing of the pavements of the European portions of the city by coolies carrying all manner of burden. The pavements of Queen's Road, from Lo House Street to Pedder Street, and of Des Voeux Road for the same stretch, are used at all hours of the day by Europeans, and it is perfectly scandalous that these should have to run the risk of injury to their persons or their clothing, merely because there is no one about to order the obstructionists to stick to the roadway. The other day we saw a barrel being rolled along the Queen's Road pavement, and this morning, within a space of a few minutes, three bamboos, a ten-foot plank, a shovel, and a pair of baskets on a pole were carried past the Astor House. We are well aware that the police are not working under normal conditions just now, and no one realises more fully than we the excellent results obtained by the Department. But surely two or three lakings could be spared to keep our pavements clear.

### More Labour Trouble.

In view of the organisation of labour of which we have heard so much, it is a little puzzling to read in the Home wires this morning that there is a serious strike among construction-makers at Barrow, and that a telegram has been sent "asking" the strikers to resume work. What, may one ask, is the Government doing that it allows the men who are supposed to be making shells for our noble fellows at the front to stop work as they choose? One of two classes is to blame: either the employers or the workers. If the employers, why are not some of these at once put under arrest for conduct liable to cause a breach of the peace? Admittedly there are some Home firms that, by their grasping and their unrestrainedness to share their enormous profits in a reasonable proportion with their employees, have driven men to strike. Equally there are all too many workmen at home who have not hesitated to take advantage of their country's difficulties to attempt to squeeze the maximum of profit for themselves. For those a bullet would be the best cure.

### DAY-BY-DAY.

THERE IS NO WAY OF CHECKING FALSE DEDUCTIONS AND FALSE REMISSIONS LIKE TAKING THE PRESS INTO OFFICIAL CONFIDENCE ABOUT FACTS WHICH CANNOT BE STATED PUBLICLY, BUT WHICH IF KNOWN, WOULD MATERIALLY AFFECT WHAT IS SAID IN THE PRESS.—Mr. A. S. Gardner (Editor of the "Daily News").

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.1/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the 145th anniversary of the death of Swedenborg.

Departed.  
Mr. and Mrs. V. Findlay Smith left by the steamer Shidzuka Maru.

Pianoforte Recital.  
Mr. E. Danenberg's pupils are to give their annual pianoforte recital at the City Hall on April 12, at 5.15 p.m.

Interim Dividend.  
Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the Kedah Rubber Co., Ltd., has declared a third interim dividend of 10 per cent.

Knocked Down by Motor Car.  
A chair coolie has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries sustained through being knocked down by motor car No. 39, belonging to the Exile Garage, near Wing Lok Wharf, on March 27.

War Comforts.  
Mrs. Caspell's Working Party has sent this week, through Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company, two parcels to Mrs. Lefroy, containing 39 pieces women's and children's clothes; and one parcel to Miss Vivian containing 20 pieces women's clothes.

Bijou Theatre.  
The final instalments of the serial "The Master Key" was screened at the above theatre last night before a good audience. Included in to-night's programme are two beautiful Italian dramas entitled: "The Judge's Wife" (three parts) and the "Great Flames" (four parts).

A Costly Smoke.  
A Chinese employed in the Naval Yard was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with smoking in a store house, contrary to regulations. Evidence was given by Mr. W. A. Barnett, Inspector of Stores, and the man was fined \$10.

Defrauding the Post-Office.  
At the Police Court this morning, before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, a Chinese was charged with a breach of the Postal Regulations by bringing eight unstamped letters into the Colony from Yokohama, by the Shinyo Maru. Defendant's excuse was that he was in too much of a hurry to post them. A fine of \$8 was imposed.

An Old Trick.  
An amah, of 5, Beymour Road, has reported to the Police that whilst she was walking in Queen's Road Central yesterday, she was accosted by a man, who said that he had picked up a bundle of notes on a steamer. He promised to give her \$10 if she would show him Salt Fish Lane. He then said that he wanted the \$900 in the bundle changed, and asked for a security. She gave him \$110, but when she got to the money-changer's it was found that the bundle was composed of waste paper. On going back to where she had left defendant, he was not to be found.

Knelt before the Magistrate.  
A Chinese, of the beggar class, went into a restaurant at West Point last night and ordered a meal, with samshui and cigarettes, to the value of 53 cents. He was found to have no money to pay for it, and was charged before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning. Defendant, who said he had been a soldier at Kongsmoon, and that he was invited into the shop, said to his Worship:—"I knelt before you," and immediately knelt down in the dock. Inspector Brown said the man was a confirmed vagabond and had been sent away six times. A fine of \$5, or seven days, was imposed.

### EXPORTERS AND DEALERS.

#### Annual Meeting of Hongkong Association.

The annual meeting of the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong was held yesterday afternoon in the Chamber of Commerce Room, New Government Buildings. Mr. F. Berington (Bradley and Co.) Presided and there were also present:—Messrs. U. Ramjahn and Co. (M. Ramjahn), C.S. Imsail and Co. (Mansel Baptista), Harry Wicking and Co. (S. Pinna), Dodwell and Co. (A. Syme Shomson), W. R. Loxley and Co. (O. R. Chavannet), Alex. Ross and Co. (D. K. Moss), J. D. Hutchison (C. Higginbotham), Holland China Trading Co. (A. W. van Andel), F. P. Talati (F. P. Talati), Thorenson and Co. (Karl Jensen), Union Trading Co. (S. W. Churn and J. O. Barretto), Gilman and Co. (G. Miskin), North West Trading Co. (F. Hamilton Sawyer), Wm. Humphreys and Co. (A. D. Humphreys and W. M. Humphreys), Hannibal and Co. (W. A. Hannibal), Tong On Lee (Ua Kam Wah) and Mr. E. A. M. Williams (Secretary).

The notice convening the meeting, having been read, by the Secretary,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I will follow the usual custom and take them as read. The export business of this Colony was as you are aware considerably restricted during 1916, some of the chief causes being the high rates of exchange prevailing, the political unrest and generally unsettled state of affairs in China, the small amount of tonnage available for Europe and America and the high rates for freight and war risk insurance. In addition to this there has been the uncertainty of space and rates owing to steamers being requisitioned by the Government. This has in some instances caused a considerable loss to exporters in this Colony, as they have booked freight by a particular boat which was requisitioned, and when another vessel was put on the berth, they have in some instances had to pay an advance in freight which had come into force since their original bookings. We all know the difficulties under which shipowners have to work at present, but nevertheless I would suggest for their consideration that they should endeavour to bear in mind the interests of the merchants and the fact that if any advance in freight rates is made after merchants have booked business, the loss as a rule falls on the Hongkong exporter. It is hardly necessary for me to more than briefly refer to the necessity of all interested in the export trade working closely together in order to make the best possible use of present curtailed facilities so that when normal times come again all the Allied countries will be in a position to present a firm front to the strong competition we shall experience from our enemies. There is, an even more important call for close working against the prevention of bad practices amongst native dealers. I refer in particular to bribes. As most of you are probably aware, dealers have recently been using very heavy paper for packing, and, in addition to this, have heavily loaded the strings so that buyers have had to pay for excessive weight in paper and string at the price—they are paying for bribes. The Committee took this matter up and tried to get dealers to agree to a standard form of packing, but I regret to say that this was not found possible. The general reason for this was that one dealer feared if he agreed to a standard form of packing, that his competitors who were not so bound, would have an advantage over him. The Committee would like all the members of the Association to make a special effort to get the native dealers to join this Association.

Our only hope of competing against malpractices such as I have referred to is for the Association to become sufficiently strong to be able to insist on standard forms of packing, etc.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. C. Higginbotham proposed the election of the following to the Committee:—Messrs. F. Berington, A. van Andel, E. A. Brammont, J. H. Brister, W. A. Hannibal, W. M. Humphreys, U. Ramjahn, F. Syme Thomson, and Ua Kam Wah.

Mr. Pinna seconded and the motion was carried.

The election of the following new members was confirmed on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. W. van Andel:—Messrs. Joseph Boas, the North-West Trading Co., of Seattle, Messrs. Thompson and Co., Messrs. Fung Tang, and Messrs. Martin and Co.

At the meeting of the Committee which followed, Mr. Berington was elected Chairman, and Mr. W. A. Hannibal, Vice-Chairman.

### RIFLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

#### Volunteers for Range Duties Wanted.

For this event on Saturday, April 7, volunteers are called for in connection with the following range duties:—

Register Keepers.—One only from each of the following units:—Royal Navy, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, R.K.V. Reserve, R.K.V. Corps, H.K. Police, H.K. Police Reserve.

Butts.—One only from each of the following:—Royal Navy, R.K.V. Reserve, H.K.V. Corps, H.K. Police Reserve.

Gentlemen volunteering for these service will kindly send their names without delay to Chief Inspector Lammett, H.K.P.R., Prince's Building, 105 House Street. They are also invited to tiffin on the range.

and where dealers will not agree to these terms, to refrain from doing any business with them. We want as many members as possible to join this Association, and I would point out that members of this Association have the advantage of receiving inquiries for new business which reaches this Colony through the medium of the Chamber of Commerce. With a good membership list we should be in a position to more effectively urge for more considerable terms in Europe and the U.S.A. in the case of claims, i.e. arbitration awards, which should contain clear statements of reasons for allowances, etc.

This Association has been in existence for several years and has I think certainly justified its existence. Owing to representations emanating from this Association, the Government have within the last two years made arrangements for officially testing and examining certain articles exported from this Colony, such as tin, wood oil, essential oils etc., and the Hongkong Government certificates are now being recognised in the markets of the world. Exporters here do, I think, realise the benefit and advantage of being able to obtain Government certificates as to quality, etc., of shipments they make. The Association, as you will have seen by the correspondence published, has been and is always willing to take up any matters which are of interest to the members.

Steps are now being taken to urge the Government to furnish statistics of exports from this Colony. These statistics would be of considerable value to all engaged in the export trade and would assist to develop and extend the trade of the Colony generally.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. D. K. Moss seconded and said he thought there was very little to add to Mr. Berington's very interesting review for the year. He thought that too much emphasis could not be laid on the necessity of getting a larger membership of this Association, because without it they would not be able to use that force of argument which was necessary in dealing with the London produce brokers and other gentlemen of that persuasion. In spite of all the difficulties Mr. Berington had enumerated, the present state of the trade was vastly more satisfactory to those gathered at that meeting than what existed under the regime when they had to fight German competition.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

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Mr. Pinna seconded and the motion was carried.

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The stories at school dinners are apt to be rather colorful, depending for their point upon nicknames and personal idiosyncrasies that need an interpreter to make them intelligible. This was not the case with some of the tales produced at a meeting of an "old boys' association in London recently. The present head master of the school gave an account of a private disciplinary interview with a pupil which he had concluded by offering to hear any statement the boy cared to make in order to clear up the difficulty. "Well, sir," began the lad, "if you really want to know why you are an unpopular——" Another boy came to him the other day and said: "Please, sir, is it true that Sir—— is dead?" (mentioning the name of a distinguished old boy in whose career the school has been wont to take no little pride). "Yes," the report of his death is quite true." "Then, sir may we have a half holiday?"

What will be the effect of the war upon heraldry? asks the *Manchester Guardian*. Shall we see guns and tanks "quartered" on the crests and arms that the Herald's Office will inscribe on its roll during the next few months? Lord Armstrong has a crest with two blacksmiths shouldering hammers, whilst Lord Wimborne has also the blacksmith's hammer on his arms. Both these are reminiscent of the industries that helped to lay the family fortunes. Newspaper proprietors like Lord Northcliffe and Sir Frank Newnes, Bart., have rolls of paper in their armorial bearings. The College of Heralds, which dates from the reign of Richard III., must find the allocation of arms a difficult matter, for no two family crests must be alike.

Every Polar explorer has to be his own food controller, and the problems that confront him in that capacity are perhaps no easier to solve than Lord Byron's. Captain Amundsen has lately been in Chicago purchasing provisions for the six years' Arctic expedition on which he is about to start in March. A ton of meat has been bought for each of the ten members of the party—which, if the expedition covers the full six years, means a meat ration of just about 1lb. a day for each man. This includes roast mutton, roast beef, ox-tails, pork, ox tongue, lamb tongue, stewed kidneys, ham loaf, veal loaf, ox marrow, and summer sausage. The vessel will carry two tons of sugar and two tons of coffee, as well as considerable quantities of tea, baking powder, dried eggs, dried milk, cheese, and tinned vegetables. Among other items are ripe olives, sweet pickles, dried fruits, raisins, apple butter, and 600lb. of candy.

It used to be a kind of habit in Ireland, says the *Manchester Guardian*, to plague the House of Commons by sending it members already under sentence of imprisonment for State offences. O'Donovan Rossa, John Mitchell, Michael Davitt, John Daly, and Colonel Lynch (who is back at Westminster now with admitted credentials) have produced, at different times, much rumormongering of Parliamentary precedents. What the House does in such cases is to cancel the election by ordering a new writ. In 1876 Tipperary went one better by returning Mr. Mitchell a second time, but in repatriate the House was still able to score heavily by giving the seat to his opponent. Mr. Taylor's return would, of course, make no trouble of this kind, though, being subject to army discipline, one supposes that it would rest with the War Office to say whether he should be given the necessary leave to enable him to take his seat. A commissioned officer who assumes a seat is usually "expelled" for Parliamentary service, but there are no analogous precedents in the case of rank and file, and it is perhaps scarcely as a private that Mr. Taylor (very much against his will) is home on the strength of the army. He is probably the first private soldier who has ever been nominated for Parliament.

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## The New Directory.

The Directory & Chronicle for China, Japan, Corea, Indo-China, Straits Settlements, Malay States, Siam, Netherlands India, Borneo, the Philippines etc. for the Year 1917.—Hongkong, 1917. The "Hongkong Daily Press" Ltd. Price thirty shillings (Net).

The Daily Press Directory has made its fifty-fifth appearance, notwithstanding the scarcity and high price of paper; and it is even a bigger success than its predecessors have been. Very great care appears to have been exercised in the revising of this important volume, two small sections have been added (in connection with Manchuria and the Philippines) and it is safe to say that our old friend has never been so comprehensive or so completely up to date before. Considering the pressure of war conditions, the getting-out of a book of some eighteen hundred pages—every inch of which has had to be closely examined—is no inconsiderable achievement, and is direct evidence that local firms can produce first-rate work. The Directory would certainly not discredit any large London publishing house.

Over a hundred pages are devoted to Hongkong alone—a fact which will give strangers to the Directory an idea of its general scope. In addition, all the Treaty Ports and a variety of smaller places in China, from extreme North to extreme South, are covered, together with Corea, Japan, the Malay-speaking countries, Indo-China and the Philippines; and to each full justice is done. The volume is one which will command a very considerable sale all over the Far and Mid East, as well as among the reference libraries of the United States and the Homeland.

## Stock and Shares.

The China Stock and Share Handbook, compiled and published by H. E. Morris and C. B. Maguire—Shanghai 1917. Office of the North China Daily News and Herald, Ltd. 33 (Net).

Another annual to which all business men on the China Coast will accord a most hearty welcome is the 1917 China Stock and Share Handbook, for, as usual, it is full of good stuff which every investor wants to have at his elbow for immediate reference. Messrs. Morris and Maguire have employed the most scrupulous care in revising their compilation, and the result is a book which can be relied upon for correct information. We are glad to notice that one of its many useful features—an alphabetical glossary of stock exchange terms—reappears. There are seven quarto pages of these terms, and to the uninitiated, they represent most valuable information. The volume (which, this year, runs to 286 pages) supplies details concerning Stock Exchanges, Rates of Exchange etc., and it tabulates the different Companies—well known and little known—in the following order:—Docking and Engineering, General Store, Hotel, Industrial and Manufacturing, Insurance, Land and Building, Loan and Mortgage, Mining, Plantation, Shipping, Spinning and Weaving, Wharf and Godown, Tramways, Railways. Each Company is given a page to itself, and facts are supplied, in every case, as to Capital, Number of Shares, Directors, Bankers and Date of Dividends, together with a statement of accounts, showing the Company's position at the end of every year from 1911 onwards. The book is strongly bound and well printed, and is exceedingly cheap at the published price.

## The C. P. R.

The Story of the Canadian Pacific Railway, by Keith Morris. (Illustrated).—London, 1916. William Stevens Ltd. Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W. C. 154 pp. 3/6 (Net).

Mr. Keith Morris has given us an exceedingly interesting little work in his "Story" of the C. P. R., and one which will appeal especially to all readers in the Far East. In point of quality it is very much more than a mere guide book, for it is obviously penned by an author

THE LATE PERUVIAN  
CONSUL.

## Funeral at Happy Valley.

The funeral of the late Mr. Anibal Puccio, whose death was announced in our issue of yesterday, took place at the Roman Catholic cemetery yesterday afternoon. Deceased was Consul-General for Peru in Hongkong and had held similar appointments in many large cities in Europe, the last being Glasgow, where he had been for some considerable time. He came of one of the wealthiest and oldest families in Peru and was perhaps the closest friend of M. Pardo, the present President of Peru. Deceased's wife's father is a very prominent politician in Peru, holding the position of Minister of Finance. Mr. Puccio had intended going to San Francisco to take up the position of Consul-General there when his untimely death occurred.

There was a large attendance at the funeral his Excellency the Governor being represented by his A. D. C. (Capt. Llewellyn Edwards) and the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, U.M.G. (Colonial Secretary). Mr. G. E. Anderson, Consul-General for America was present, as also were several other Consuls.

A large number of friends was in attendance, including Dr. A. K. Carvalho, who was a close personal friend of the deceased.

Many beautiful floral tributes were laid on the grave. The body will possibly be removed to Peru shortly.

who has a strong sense of literary and artistic values, and a just appreciation of what to use and what to leave alone. We find his introductory chapter—"Pathfinders"—exceptionally engrossing, and he has no difficulty in convincing his readers that the search for a path for the C. P. R. was what he terms it: "an epic in adventure."

Mr. Morris carries us back to the year 1857, when an Imperial Commission was established to enquire into the suitability of Canada for settlement purposes, and into the advisability of constructing a trans-continental railway there. He has the romantic "touch", and easily succeeds in making his readers feel the charm of the rugged backwoods life with which his book so largely deals. An interesting feature of the early pages, by the way, is the introduction of Morley Roberts—not as the novel-reading world knows him to-day, but as a young man in a broad-brimmed hat, doing navy work in Canada. Copious extracts from diaries and travel works are given, but these are chosen with great discrimination and always well introduced. The later portions of the little book show us the enormous influence of the great railway in the making of the Dominion, and they also trace the rise of the C.P.O.S. fleet. "The Story of the Canadian Pacific" should find a very wide public, for it is conscientiously done, is brimful of interest and contains a variety of beautiful photographic illustrations.

## "The Yellow Dragon."

The new number of the Yellow Dragon—the Queen's College monthly magazine—has much to recommend it: notably some ingenious verses signed "Hung Hom." We are glad to notice an increasing tendency on the part of the boys themselves to contribute to this little publication, and it must be said that some of their offerings are excellent—especially "New Year in the Country" and "The Use and Abuse of Power." To the latter paper an especially sad interest attaches, for it is the work of a most promising lad, Chan Yam-tin, who was captured by brigands and held to ransom, the payment of which absolutely ruined his father. The poor boy was released, only to die a few weeks later, as a result of the hardships which he had undergone at the hands of the ruffians who had kidnapped him.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE  
SPORTS.Some Promising Young  
Athletes.

There was quite a large attendance of the parents and friends of the scholars of Queen's College at the College grounds, Causeway Bay, yesterday, on the occasion of the annual sports—an event that passed off with every success. All the events on the long programme were very keenly contested, and brought out the fact that the College has some really promising athletes among its students, especially Ko K'n-foo, the senior champion, and A. Mahomet, the junior champion. These two enthusiasts won all the championship events, and the former will shortly be going to Tokyo to represent China in the Far Eastern Olympiad.

Special mention should be made of the hard work put in by Mr. J. O. Fletcher, the Secretary. The other officials were:—President, Mr. T. K. Dealy; Vice-President, Mr. A. W. Grant; Entertainment Committee, Messrs B. Tanner, Teo Ching-fong, Cheung Hok-chau, and Hang Yuk-sang; Clerk of Course, Mr. J. Ralston; Starters, Messrs W. Kay, H. Maxwell, and Kong K'ai-lai; Judges, Messrs A. W. Grant, W. L. Handyside, J. Ralston, Teo Yik-fong, and Lum Hing-sau; Timekeepers, Messrs J. O. Fletcher, Sang Hok-pang, and Tang Chok-shan.

The band of the 74th Panjab, under Bandmaster C. W. Christian, gave a very enjoyable programme of music during the afternoon.

The results were as follows:—Senior Championship Cup presented by Sir Robert Ho Tung—held by A. Mahomet;—Ko Kin Fan 25 points; Lo Shiu Kin 6 points. Junior Championship Cup (presented by old Queen's College undergraduates)—held by Wu Hang Him;—A. Mahomet, 25 points; Chan Chan Pong, 6 points. 100 Yards Open—Ko Kin Fan 1, Lo Shiu Kin 2, Xavier 3. Time 11 secs. Record time 11.1/5 secs.

100 yards, under 15:—A. Mahomet 1, Chan Chan Pong 2, Mak Ying Kwei 3. Time 12 secs. 120 yards Hurdles, Open:—Ko Kin Fan 1, Wu Hang Him 2, Ko Yan Cheong 3. Time 19 secs. 120 yards Hurdles, under 15:—A. Mahomet 1, Ip Ping 2, D. Ling 3. Time 21 secs. 300 yard, Open:—Ko Kin Fan 1, Lo Shiu Kin 2, Ho Wing Yan 3. Time 39 3/5 secs. 300 yards, under 15:—A. Mahomet 1, Chan Chan Pong 2, Lo Wei Shan 3. Time 40 sec. Sack Race:—Shiu Kwei Shang 1, D. Ling 2, Ng In Ngen 3. High Jump:—Ng Chan Obing 1, Ko Yan Cheong 2, Ko Kin Fan was ineligible in this event although he won. Height 5 ft. 2 1/2 inches. Record:—5 ft. 2 1/2 ins.

High Jump, under 15:—Ram-john 1, D. Ling 2, A. Mahomet's was the best effort, but he was ineligible. Height 4 ft. 2 1/2 ins. Long Jump:—Wong Pok Hing 1, Wu Hang Him 2, Ko Kin Fan made the best jump, but having three prizes, was ineligible. Distance 18 ft. 1 ins. Record: 17 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump, under 15:—Ram-john 1, Lo Wei Shan 2, A. Mahomet was disqualified by reason of having won three prizes. He made the best effort. Distance 15 ft. 10 1/2 ins.

440 yards handicap (Chinese):—Ng In Ngen 50 yds. 1, Hsi Sing Yan 50 yds. 2, Choi Man Chan 25 yds. 3.

Pick-a-back race:—Ismail and S. Haroon 1, E. Haroon and D. Ling 2. Half-mile handicap:—S. S. B. Ismail 180 yds. 1, Ram-john 180 yds. 2, S. Haroon 180 yds. 3. Three-legged race:—Ko Yan Cheong and Lo Wei Pan 1, Wu Hang Him and Wu Hang Him 2, 220 yards, Old Boys:—F. Shamuddeen 1, S. Hassan 2. One Mile Open:—Chan Lan Pang 1, E. Haroon 2, Ho Wing Yan 3.

Chinese Masters' 100 yds.:—Mr. Kong 13 yds. 1, Mr. Lai Pui Yan 7 yds. 2, Mr. Lum Hing San sor. 3. Pupil Teachers' 220 yds.:—Mr. Lau Ying Cheong sor. 1, Mr. Ng Cheung Shan sor. 2, Mr. Chan Tong 4 yds. 3.

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At the conclusion of the racing the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Ralphs.

Mr. T. K. Dealy, the President of the Sports, in thanking Mrs. Ralphs for her attendance, referred to the sports having passed off very smoothly, a fact that was due to the hard work of the officials for some days past. He thought that Mrs. Ralphs, and everyone else, must have observed that the boys without exception, winners and losers alike, had shown that they possessed that British spirit of fair play. That was a fact at which they were pleased, and it was also gratifying to see the crowd showing the same feelings. Cheers for Mrs. Ralphs concluded the proceedings.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At Thursday's Meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Colonial Secretary will move an amendment of the Offensive Trades By-laws.

The orders of the day are:—First reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinances, 1899-1913.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Rating Ordinance, 1911.

Second reading of the Bill intituled An Ordinance to protect certain Public Servants from Legal Proceedings in respect of certain Liabilities.

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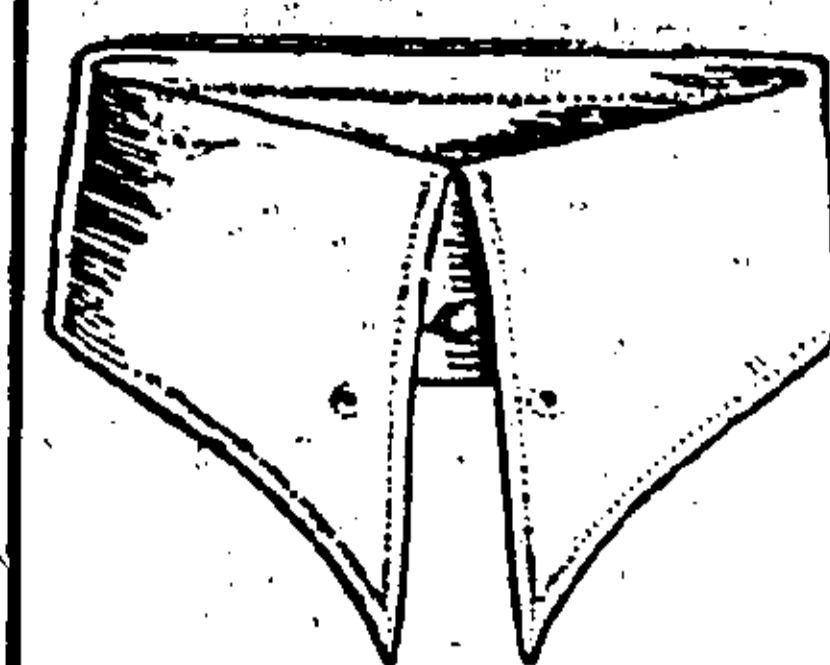
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SHIPPING NEWS.

Shipping Record at China.

Coastwise navigation in the waters adjoining Chosen is carried on for the most part by the Chosen Yusen Kaisha (Chosen Mail Steamship Co.). The following report of the semi-annual meeting, taken from the Seoul Press, may be of interest as showing something of the work of this company. According to a business report made public on the occasion, the company maintained during the term regular navigation of 16 routes. In all, 33 vessels, including two chartered ships, were put on the run on these routes, their aggregate tonnage reaching 10,500. The mileage covered by these vessels, when taken together, amounted to 358,000 nautical miles, and the total quantity of goods transported, as well as the aggregate number of passengers carried, were 130,000 tons and 111,000 persons, respectively. The company is now in its fourth year. Of the routes it now maintains, the Wonsan-Vladivostok route and 11 other routes, are ordered by the Government General. The company has taken care to make every improvement in its power in the business of the company, and this, coupled with the development of industry in the peninsula, has put the company in a fair way to prosperity. The market, which has been in a state of depression for a long time, has recently revived, with the result that there has been a great demand for bottoms to carry articles of commerce. The transportation of supplies to Vladivostok has also enlivened the business of the company, and the trade with Tientsin has had a similar result.

Prize Boutles: New Regulations.

The King in Council has made a new Order to govern the distribution of prize money. His Majesty repeals the Order of December 5, 1865, made under the Naval Agency and Distribution Act of the previous year, and substitutes an Order which contains the following passage:—"All money distributable among the officers and crew of any of His Majesty's ships of war, within the meaning of the said Act (all which money is comprehended under the term prize money wherehereas) (arused in this Or' or) shall be forthwith paid to the account of his Majesty's Paymaster-General at the Bank of England, on account of Naval Prize, or to the Accountant-General of the Navy, in order that it may be transferred to the said account."

A Boycott of German Shipping.

Copenhagen, Feb. 12.—The Swedish newspaper "Ny Tid" publishes an interview with M. Ring, the President of the Swedish Seamen's Union, on the object of the forthcoming conference at G. thenburg of the representative of the seamen's unions of various countries in order to discuss the risks to seamen created by the submarine warfare. M. Ring declared:—"It is our intention to meet the excessive German measures with a regular boycott of German shipping, if the Germans insist upon sinking neutral ships right and left regardless of whether the crews are saved or not, and as such a proceeding involves the loss of Scandinavian seamen's lives we intend, taking up the fight to the fullest extent. Scandinavian, and especially Swedish seamen's organisations are now strong enough to conduct such a campaign, and would in such a case receive the support from workmen and labourers in Scandinavian harbours which are visited by German vessels."

Liao Ho Conservancy Scheme.

A plan was drawn some time ago for the dredging of the Liao Ho so as to maintain the navigability of the river. According to it, the work was to be divided into two, the conservancy of the river mouth and of the river itself. To obtain necessary funds for the execution of the scheme on the first category, the Consul at Peking, commenced to levy an additional tax on import duty and tonnage dues some years ago, the regulation being now in force, but for some reason or other the work has not been taken up. As to the dredging of the river, the operation was to be carried on the upper reaches between Yingkow and Ching-chiatin. The question, in fact was under discussion as early as the days when Chao Shih-an and Hsu Shih-shan officiated as the Viceroy of the Eastern Provinces. "The Eastern Provinces."

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hereby notified that all Goods are  
being landed at their risk into  
the hazardous Godowns of the Hong-  
kong & Kowloon Wharf & God-  
own Co., Ltd., whence and/or  
from the Wharves delivery may  
be obtained.No Claim will be admitted  
after the goods have left the God-  
owns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after noon, the 2nd  
April, 1917, will be subject to  
rent.All Claims against the Steamer  
must be presented to the Under-  
signed on or before the 4th  
April, 1917, or they will not  
be recognised.All broken, chafed and damaged  
Goods are to be left in the  
Godowns, where they will be ex-  
amined on the 4th April, 9-7,  
at 10 a.m. by the Company's  
surveyors, Messrs. Goddard &  
Douglas.No Fire Insurance has been  
effect d.Bills of Lading will be coun-  
tersigned by  
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From SAN FRANCISCO via  
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& MANILA, P. I.The above named Steamer hav-  
ing arrived, Consignees of cargo  
are hereby notified to send in  
their Bills of Lading for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate  
delivery of Cargo from alongside.  
Cargo remaining undelivered  
on the 25th March, at 5 P.M., will  
be landed at Consignees' risk and  
expense, and delivery must then  
be taken from the Company's  
Godown.Storage charges will be assessed  
on all cargo remaining un-  
delivered on 25th March, at 5 P.M.  
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will be effected.No Claim will be recognised  
after the Goods have left the  
Steamer or Godown.  
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pany's Godown, where they will  
be examined on the 30th March,  
1917, at 10 A.M.No Claims will be recognised if  
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| San Francisco via Japan | China       | O. M. S. S. | 16, Apr.  |
| San Francisco via Japan | Korea M.    | T. K. K.    | 16, Apr.  |
| San Francisco via Japan | Rindjani    | J.C.J. L.   | 20, Apr.  |
| San Francisco via Japan | Awam        | N. Y. K.    | 1, May    |
| San Francisco via Japan | Siberia M.  | T. K. K.    | 13, May   |
| San Francisco via Japan | Venezuela   | J.C.J. L.   | 14, May   |
| San Francisco via Japan | P. M. S. S. | P. M. S. S. | 21, May   |
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## COMPANY MEETINGS.

The Hongkong Ice Company, Limited.

## [VERBATIM.]

The thirty-sixth annual meeting of the Hongkong Ice Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the General Managers Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning. The Hon. Mr. O. E. Anton presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., the Rev. Father Robert (Consulting Committee); Mr. R. M. Austin (Secretary), Messrs. W. E. Clarke, C. W. Bewick, L. N. Leefe, Ho Fook, H. Beth, O. Woodhead, A. O. Davidson, Lo Cheung-shui, A. V. Apoor, G. K. Haxton and R. E. McDougall (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—The time is now past for the meeting, gentlemen, and I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The Secretary having read the notice,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts, having been in your hands for some days, I will with your permission take them as read. The result of the year's working shows an increase of \$9,238.56 over 1915, the actual net profit for the year being \$98,011.60, as compared with \$86,763.04. The usual interim dividend of \$2 per share was paid last August and we now propose paying a final dividend of \$4 per share, which I trust you will consider satisfactory. We are also in a position to add to our Provision for Contingencies Account to the extent of \$15,000 and carry forward \$15,925.47.

Sales of ice show a slight decrease compared with the previous year, which is accounted for by the fact that the Canton Ice Factory was at work the whole year, instead of only intermittently as in 1915.

The cold storage branch continues to produce a satisfactory income; but the very heavy increase in the cost of coal must necessarily decrease the profits from this branch during the current year, and for this reason it has been considered advisable that rather a larger balance than usual should be carried forward.

An additional cold store has been fitted up at Lai-Chi-Kok, thus enabling these stores to accommodate over 2,000 carcasses of meat at a time. Together with the store at East Point, we have now cold storage space measuring 150,000 cubic feet.

The old depot in Ice House Street has been converted into four modern shops, from which it is hoped a satisfactory income will be derived.

Your Manager reports that all machinery and buildings at the works are in first-class order, and all launches and lighters have received their annual overhaul.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, if any shareholders have any questions to ask, I shall be pleased to answer them to the best of my ability.

As there are no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts for the year 1916.

Mr. Clarke:—I have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The Chairman:—It is proposed by myself, and seconded by Mr. Clarke, that the report and accounts as presented be passed. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Those against? Carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Ho Fook:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I beg to propose that Sir Paul Chater and the Rev. Father Robert be re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee for the ensuing year.

Mr. Bewick:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Ho Fook and seconded by Mr. Bewick that Sir Paul Chater and the Rev. Father Robert be re-elected on the Consulting Committee this year. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business is the re-election of auditors.

Mr. Lo Cheung-shui:—I beg to propose that M. A. R. Lowe and Mr. E. A. M. Williams,

be re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$200.

Mr. Lowe:—I have much pleasure in seconding that. The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, and seconded by Mr. Lowe, that Mr. A. R. Lowe and Mr. E. A. M. Williams be re-elected as auditors for this year at a remuneration of \$200 each. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Those against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business, gentlemen; dividend warrants will be ready to-day.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

The forty-eighth ordinary meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., to-day at noon. The Hon. Mr. O. E. Anton presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tang, Mr. O. S. Gubbay, Mr. F. Maitland, and Mr. H. P. White (Consulting Committee), Mr. L. N. Leefe, (Secretary), and Messrs. G. K. Haxton, W. E. Clarke, R. Hancock, Ho Fook, Lo Cheung-shui, W. O. Davidson, J. M. Alves (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, as it now past the time for the meeting, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening it.

The Secretary having read the notice,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, in rising to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, it gives me much satisfaction to direct your attention to the excellent results which have attended the Company's efforts for the year 1915.

A prominent feature of the figures in front of you is a substantial increase in the premium income, and this has been earned with a loss ratio at a level lower even than that to which the fortunes of this Company have accustomed us. We can, I think, correctly attribute this success to the good quality of the business on the books, for there is, so far as I can see, nothing to indicate that the waste by fire has been less in the past year either in the Far East—our own special field—or elsewhere. In January last, an outbreak occurred in a godown in Tientsin which did damage estimated at \$50,000. In April of the same year there was a fire in some wharf godowns at Shanghai, which entailed losses of, I believe, not less than \$32,000. In May, a godown was gutted at Pootung entailing losses estimated at some \$60,000. In August, the Philippine Islands came into prominence, and a fire at Tacloban was believed to have done damage to the extent of about \$50,000. In Bangkok, two rice mills were destroyed. In Singapore, the Telephone Exchange was burnt out. These make a formidable list.

This surplus to be dealt with is \$444,357.90, and the apportionment which we propose is set forth in the report.

The policy of the Consulting Committee has been of recent years to acquire for the Company a large investment in gold securities, and it is thought advisable to convert the Reinsurance Fund into a sterling fund and to add to it the sum of \$15,000, which will bring it up to \$77,909 7s. 0d. The Company has now \$43,000 invested in British Government War Loans issued in London; Straits \$80,000 in the 6 per cent. Loan of the Malay States Government; and we subscribed \$100,000 to the local loan floated here last October, whilst another \$12,000 has been invested in the loans of Allied Governments. We have thus carried out the intention, to which my predecessor in the chair gave expression last year, of supporting to our utmost the great cause for which civilisation is now fighting against a ruthless and barbarous foe.

You will, I doubt not, also approve the action of your General Managers and Consulting Committee in having made a contribution of \$5,000 on behalf of the Company to the fund in aid of War Charities—a fund which must attract the heartfelt sympathy of us all.

First-class securities do not show a large loss in market rates as might be expected in view of existing conditions, but the value of dollars having appreciated from 1/41 (the rate

at which our accounts were last presented) to 2/42 (the rate ruling at 31st December last) the result has been to diminish to a very substantial extent the value of gold securities as expressed in Hongkong dollars. The wisdom of placing a portion of the accumulated profits of former years to meet such an eventuality as this has been more than justified, and we shall have, after providing for this depreciation, a sum of \$35,000 standing at credit of Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account. It is thought, however, by the General Managers and Consulting Committee that this should be augmented, and the proposed transfer of \$103,140.51 will bring this account up to \$138,992.78.

The dividend of \$27 per share, absorbing \$216,000, you will no doubt confirm, and in recommending, as we do, this continued excellent return upon the Company's capital, I would once again ask shareholders to recollect that their relations with the Company should not be confined to their reception of an annual distribution of profit, for I am not persuaded that they give the Company all the support that lies within their power, and I hope that you will each individually make a point, during the coming year, of assisting the Company to the utmost of your influence by introducing to it all the business under your control and inviting your friends to place their fire insurance with the Hongkong Fire also. You will feel, I am sure, willing to express your appreciation of the work of the staff by endorsing the action of your Consulting Committee in voting them a bonus on their salaries which, in view of the excellent results, has been fixed this year at 15 per cent. The outlook for 1917, you will see, from the twelve months' figures before you is favourable and justifies the hope of a successful conclusion. We find every year that competition increases and whilst the maintenance of the tariff in the Far East has given cause for anxiety during the last few months, we are glad to say that it has proved possible to harmonise temporarily at any rate, the divergent opinions which appeared at one time almost to jeopardise their existence. We are led to understand that it is contemplated to introduce an Ordinance in Hongkong requiring Companies desiring to operate here to comply with a financial standard. Needless to say such a measure will meet with no opposition on the part of the management of this Company. Such an Ordinance will presumably have for its object the protection of the public and nothing that places a premium upon security such as this Company can offer so well, can meet with anything but our heartiest support.

Gentlemen, in putting to you the resolution which I am about to do, you will doubtless be content for me to take the report and accounts as read, and I therefore now have pleasure in proposing:—That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$27 per share; an addition of \$15,000 to the Reinsurance Fund; of \$103,140.51 to the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account; and the payment of a bonus to staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed.

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## HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

Report for the Past Season.

The report of the above League for the past season states:—

On behalf of the Committee I have much pleasure in presenting the eighth annual report of the Tennis League. For the first time in the history of the League, two Divisions were formed, and entries were received as follows:—

Division I.—United Services Recreation Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Kowloon Cricket Club and University.

Division II.—Vanguard, Kowloon Cricket Club, Chinese Recreation Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Civil Service Club, Craigower, Olympic, Y.M.C.A. (European) and Wigwam.

Owing to wet weather in the month of June, the full fixture lists in both Divisions were not completed, but this did not interfere with the final results. The shield in the 1st Division was won by the Hongkong Cricket Club.

The shield in the 2nd Division was won by the Vanguard Club, after a tie with the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The shields were presented to the winners by Mrs. Nibbet at the conclusion of a very successful tennis afternoon on the Hongkong Cricket Club grounds; the thanks of the League are tendered to the latter club for providing tea on this occasion, and especially to Mr. Murphy for the splendid arrangements made, enabling all the spectators to witness the games in comfort. Matches were played between the winners of the 1st Division against the Rest of the 1st Division, and the winners of the 2nd Division against the Rest of the 2nd Division, the Hongkong Club winning their match, and the Vanguard Club being successful against the Rest of Division II.

A small charge of 20 cent per person was made to spectators on this occasion and 177 persons paid for admission, resulting in the sum of \$35.40 being handed over to the War Charities Fund.

The accounts show a balance in hand of \$45.03.

The annual general meeting will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on Tuesday, April 12, at 5.15 p.m.

The League tenders its thanks to Mr. C. Bernard Brown for kindly auditing the accounts.

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## FOOTBALL GOSSIP.

Notes on Saturday's Games.

Two good games were witnessed by football enthusiasts at the Happy Valley on Saturday last, which were expected to be the last of the season. Expectations were not, however, realised for in the first match, D. Coy. K.S.L.L. v. South China Athletic, the former, who were regarded as favourites, failed to do more than draw with their opponents, with the result that they have now to meet A. Coy. K.S.L.L., both having the same number of points in the competition.

In the second match, R. E. v. the Club, neither side could obtain the much-coveted goal which would decide the resting place for the next twelve months of the trophy for the championship of Division I of the Hongkong League. Records are not to hand, but probably this is the first occasion in the history of local football that two matches, played on the same day for the championship of the senior and junior divisions, have resulted in goal-less draws.

The D. Coy. v. South China Athletic match was entrusted to Mr. M. Gordon Banks, R. N., who lined his charges up and started the game promptly to time. The game opened at a fast pace, and it was early evident that D. Coy. were opposed to a team which was giving nothing away. Both goals were visited from time to time and during these visits the respective custodians had a busy and exciting time. Both defences were, however, kept intact, and shortly before the interval, during a melee in the D. Coy. goal-mouth, one of the Athletic players had the misfortune to break his leg. No blame could be attached to anyone, for after jumping to head the ball, he appeared to drop awkwardly on his feet and fell to the ground.

The game was stopped, and when the injury was found to be so serious the player was removed from the field. Half-time came, but with it no score. On resuming, it was thought that D. Coy., who had now only ten opponents, must score. Their misfortune, however, appeared to act as a stimulant to Athletic, who surprised everyone by their staying powers. Not only did they keep their defence clear, but they gave D. Coy. some anxious moments during their frequent raids into Shropshire territory. Time arrived with the score sheet still blank; and the Athletic are to be congratulated on putting up such a sterling game under adverse circumstances. D. Coy.'s match with A. Coy., which should take place on Saturday next, will be well worth seeing, and, judging from the form displayed by both teams against the Athletic, it is quite probable that A. Coy. will win.

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## ALLEGED BANK FRAUD.

An Arrest After Three Years.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, Mr. A. M. Preston appeared to prosecute a Chinese named Lam U-sang, who was charged with aiding and abetting another Chinese, not in custody in defrauding the Canton Bank of \$10,032.80.

It is alleged that the defendant impersonated some one else, and, with the assistance of another man, drew from the Bank the sum mentioned. The offence is alleged to have taken place as long ago as October, 1913, and defendant was arrested in Des Vaux Road Central yesterday.

A week's remand was applied for, and this was granted.

## PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. SHINYO MARU.

|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Allen R. H.            | Lambert Mrs. M. F.   |
| Anderson Major         | Lane Mrs. S.         |
| Wm. H.                 | Lawrence Mr. & Mrs.  |
| Albright Miss E. F.    | J. F.                |
| Akiyama T.             | Leung Miss B.        |
| Alim J. F. C.          | Livington Mr. & Mrs. |
| Arbes A.               | Mrs. J. C.           |
| Baird Mr. & Mrs. F.    | Livington Miss A.    |
| Baker A. C.            | Mamiya Mr. & Mrs.    |
| Baird Mr. & Mrs. F.    | McDowell Miss J. G.  |
| Broome Dr. J. E.       | Matthews G.          |
| Barnes Mr. & Mrs.      | McKinnon Mr. & Mrs.  |
| E. A.                  | H. H.                |
| Barrows J. B.          | Mason Mrs. Sarah.    |
| Beam A. W.             | Mason Mrs. J. S.     |
| Clark Miss L. A.       | Mathias Mr. & Mrs.   |
| Chandler Miss J. M.    | M. J. R.             |
| Colliver Col. & Mrs.   | Mayer Geo. N.        |
| D. J. J.               | McKean Mrs. L. M.    |
| Carry Mrs. E.          | McVean Mrs. E. M.    |
| Carry Miss E.          | Mordland Miss G.     |
| Chua Pico              | Marmyia S.           |
| Curtis Chas.           | Nagai K.             |
| Chen Kuo Mr. & Mrs.    | Oh S.                |
| Davidge Mrs. D. S.     | Price F. R.          |
| Danziger Mrs. J.       | Reid P. C.           |
| Douly Mr. & Mrs.       | Reynolds Mrs. E. A.  |
| D. E.                  | Fond Mrs. E. J.      |
| Dorrance Mrs. J.       | Fitzman Mr. & Mrs.   |
| Dorrance Miss H.       | J. B.                |
| Deppus Dr. D. W.       | Polson Dr. Jas.      |
| Deval Mrs. S. H.       | Prising Mrs. L.      |
| Exington Mrs. H. W.    | Rayson Dr. A. F.     |
| Exington Master        | Reyes Mr. & Mrs.     |
| Go                     | Riolo R.             |
| Hadie Harold           | Bipier Mr. & Mrs.    |
| Hallman Mrs. A. G.     | K. B. Van            |
| Fraser Mrs. M.         | Sandmayer Mrs. L. C. |
| Fraser L. F.           | Sandmayer Miss G.    |
| Finster L. V.          | Sandmayer Mrs. H.    |
| Gilman G. G.           | Sawyer Mrs. J. M.    |
| Gilman Mr. & Mrs.      | Smith J. J.          |
| Griffin Mrs. T. F.     | Schultze Mrs. Arigo  |
| Graham Miss M. E.      | Solis Miss Teresa.   |
| Gastan Miss E. M. C.   | Soule Miss Lucy L.   |
| Hang Wong-loy Miss Wan | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Haven Miss E.          | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Hobbs J. B.            | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Hanson G. C.           | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Hara H.                | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Helm J. W.             | Shaw-Wood J. B.      |
| Hickman Mr. & Mrs.     | Shaw                 |

## COMMERCIAL NEWS.

## HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;  
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

## OFFICIAL PRICES.

| BANKS       | b.       | \$880 |
|-------------|----------|-------|
| Cantons     | n.       | \$370 |
| North China | n.       | 2.150 |
| Unions      | b. & sa. | \$895 |
| Yangtzes    | n. ex 73 | \$235 |

## FIRE INSURANCES.

|             |    |       |
|-------------|----|-------|
| China Fires | b. | \$155 |
| H. K. Fires | b. | \$373 |

## SHIPPING.

|               |          |       |
|---------------|----------|-------|
| Douglases     | n.       | \$59  |
| Steamboats    | sa.      | \$184 |
| Indos (Del.)  | b. & sa. | \$125 |
| Indos (Pref.) | n.       | \$411 |
| Shells        | n.       | 1031  |
| Ferries       | n.       | \$33  |

## REFINERIES.

|          |          |       |
|----------|----------|-------|
| Sugars   | b. & sa. | \$125 |
| Malabons | b.       | \$294 |

## MINING.

|          |    |       |
|----------|----|-------|
| Kallians | n. | 36/-  |
| Langkats | n. | 1.18  |
| Rauhs    | n. | \$235 |
| Tromchs  | n. | 30/-  |
| Urals    | n. | 28/-  |

## DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &amp; C.

|               |          |       |
|---------------|----------|-------|
| H. K. Wharves | sa.      | \$38  |
| Kowloon Docks | sa. & d. | \$130 |
| Shai Docks    | n.       | 1.87  |

## LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

|               |    |        |
|---------------|----|--------|
| Centrals      | n. | \$33   |
| H. K. Hotels  | n. | \$102  |
| Land Invest.  | b. | \$54   |
| Hiphreys Est. | b. | \$5.80 |
| K'loon Lands  | n. | \$58   |
| Shai Lands    | n. | 1.80   |
| West points   | b. | \$70   |

## COTTON MILLS.

|              |    |        |
|--------------|----|--------|
| Ewos         | n. | 1.1474 |
| Kung Yiks    | n. | 1.13   |
| Shai Cottons | n. | 1.117  |
| Yangtzepeos  | b. | 1.5    |

## MISCELLANEOUS.

|                     |               |        |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|
| Borneos             | b.            | \$8    |
| China Light & P. b. |               | \$4.75 |
| Providents          | s.            | \$8.10 |
| Dairy Farms         | b.            | \$23   |
| Green Islands       | b. & sa. & d. | \$8    |
| H. K. Electric      | b.            | \$481  |
| H. K. Ice Co.       | n.            | \$160  |
| Ropes               | n.            | \$29   |
| Steel Foundries     | n.            | \$10   |
| Trams, Low Level    | b.            | \$7.10 |
| Trams, Peak, old n. |               | \$9.80 |
| Trams, Peak, new n. |               | \$1    |
| Laundries           | n.            | \$151  |
| U. Waterboats       | s.            | \$64   |
| Watsons             | n.            | \$5    |
| Wm. Powells         | n.            | \$29   |
| Morning Posts       | n.            | \$29   |

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## EXCHANGE.

## SELLING.

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| T/T               | 2/4       |
| Demand            | 2/4 1/16  |
| 30 d/s            | 2/4 3/4   |
| 60 d/s            | 2/4 5/16  |
| 4 m/s             | Nom.      |
| T/T Shanghai      | Nom.      |
| T/T Singapore     | 99 1/4    |
| T/T Japan         | 108 1/4   |
| T/T India         | Nom.      |
| Demand, India     | Nom.      |
| T/T San Francisco | 55 1/4    |
| co & New York     | 55 1/4    |
| T/T Java          | 137       |
| T/T Marks         | Nom.      |
| T/T France        | 3.24      |
| Demand, Paris     | 3.24 1/16 |

## BUYING.

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| 4 m/s. L/O                       | 2/4 13/16    |
| 4 m/s. D/P                       | 2/4 15/16    |
| 6 m/s. L/O                       | 2/5 1/16     |
| 30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne       | 2/5 1/16     |
| 30 d/s. San Francisco & New York | 56 1/4       |
| 4 m/s. Marks                     | Nom.         |
| 4 m/s. France                    | 3.36         |
| 6 m/s. France                    | 3.41         |
| Demand, Germany                  | Nom.         |
| Demand, New York                 | 55 1/4       |
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## Japanese Spinners' Anxiety.

The cotton spinners of Japan are up in arms against the proposed increase of China's import duties, and the Association of Cotton Spinning Companies is continually prodding the Tokyo authorities to interfere. It is said that the Foreign Office advised the Japanese manufacturers to remove their mills to China and so avoid paying duty on manufactured goods, but the mill men do not kindly receive this suggestion on the ground that it will affect their business at home. The best way to solve the problem, say the mill men, is to let the duties remain as they are. A Tokyo paper reports the following as the soothing view of the Department of Finance:—"No doubt Japan must oppose all barriers that will incur injury to the Japanese-Chinese trade, but to the revision of the Chinese tariff, even if it does not take place this year, it is an inevitable event in the years to come, so Japan must expect such a change and must be prepared to meet the turn. Therefore it is useless to complain over the coming change. To be satisfied in the present is not progress. What is the case at present may not be so tomorrow; we must strive to improve the present so that we may always be in the front; otherwise we must trail at the tail-end. If we can assure ourselves that we can check any change in the years to come, the case is a different thing, but that cannot be expected. The only course open is for Japan to take what is coming to her and try to overcome all obstacles in the new situation. If Japanese spinners cannot maintain their present briskness in other conditions the same fate awaits other trade goods to China. It is not a healthy step to be worried by the report; and we must take steps to meet this trend of things."

## Sulphur.

It was expected that the increased danger from German submarines would facilitate the export of sulphur from this country at the expense of Italian sulphur. This expectation seems to be turning out well founded, says the *Japan Chronicle*. It will be remembered that before the German declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare, the export market for sulphur in this country was for some time in low water, mainly owing to the stoppage of orders from Russia. It is said that Russian demands have since noticeably revived, and many inquiries are being received. Owing to some difference between the buyer and seller regarding prices, no extensive new business has yet been concluded. It is expected, however, that buyers will come nearer the prices quoted by suppliers. Apart from the Russian trade, it is said that a considerable export of Japanese sulphur has lately been made to South Africa.

## More Mulberry Trees.

The recent boom in the silk trade influenced the development of mulberry growing throughout Japan last year. The area exceeded that of the previous year by 11,760 cho (one cho is 2.45 acres). Of course comparing this with the growth in the years about 1917 when the yearly increase was over 20,000 cho there is nothing significant, but since 1913 the trend took a reactionary turn so that a yearly decrease was the result. Contrary to the tendency of late years, the new turn calls for prominent attention says the *Japan Times*. The largest extensions were made in Nagano Prefecture, the leading sericultural province of Japan, with its 1,012 cho. Seventy-two per cent. of the increase was on ordinary cultivated grounds, 8 per cent. on rice fields and 19 per cent. on new grounds broken for the purpose. The mulberry field replaced with fields as barley, soya beans, sweet potato, vegetables and tobacco.

## Canadian Finance and the War.

Montreal, February 8.—The net debt of Canada has increased from \$335,000,000 G. on March 31, 1914, to \$745,000,000 on the 31st of January, 1917. Added to this will, in all probability, be another \$100,000,000 which will be the cost of maintaining Canada's troops overseas, providing them with ammunition and equipment. For this purpose Great Britain is contributing 8 shillings per day per man. The country's revenues this year will be sufficient to pay all ordinary capital expenditures and between \$69,000,000 and \$70,000,000 of the principal of the war expenditures. That Canada will be called upon to take up another \$100,000,000 domestic war loan in the month of March is now practically a certainty besides the \$250,000,000 which it has already been decided to raise for ordinary war expenditures. The \$100,000,000 loan, though expected to be a domestic affair, may be raised in New York at the last minute, if the exchange situation is against it being raised here. This loan will be used to meet maturing obligations of the Dominion and to carry on public works. The Government still has authority invited in it to raise loans to the amount of between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000, from the previous orders of the Legislature, which it has never taken advantage of, but as this was not enough, a session for a further loan was necessary. There is a fear in the mind of the Government that to raise many heavy loans here would cause Canadians to sell Canadian securities in the United States to raise money, and because of this, it is deemed more wise to raise as many of the loans as possible in New York. Canada has advanced Great Britain \$150,000,000 for payment of munitions bought in Canada, and the Dominion now owes the Imperial authorities \$97,000,000.

## Great Demand for Timber Predicted.

The first demand of the belligerents after the declaration of peace, according to Dr. Edward Ewing Pratt, chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, in Washington, will be for wood. He estimates that the lumber camps of the United States will send over \$200,000,000 worth, and that Canada, Russia, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Austria will also contribute largely. The prospects for Canadian and American lumbermen are very promising. The rebuilding of Poland and Western Russia will absorb Russian energies for some time after the close of the war. Germany is using up her forest reserves, while Norway has long been over-cutting her annual growth. The greatest European competition will therefore come from the mills of Sweden and Finland. These countries are ice-bound during six months of the year, usually from October to May, so that the lumbermen of America will readily see the possibilities and responsibilities that lie before them.

## India's Increased Tariff.

Reports from India to the Japanese Foreign Office state that the application of the increased tariff rates came into vogue from March 1. The tax on home-cotton articles will incur no change and outside of the advance on the tariff rates on cotton goods and phosphorus no rise will be seen. Cotton yarns will have no duties charged as heretofore. Besides the above export duties on jutes will be doubled, incomes of 50,000 rupees and above will be taxed, railway freight rates will be raised and an unlimited public loan will be placed on the market for subscription. The above steps have been taken with a view to raise funds to supply the needs of war for the British Government. At the same time, it should be borne in mind that the Indian Government, on its own initiative, has contributed a gift of 100 million pounds sterling towards the general cost of the war. This handsome gift was gratefully acknowledged by the British Government last month.

## U. S. Iron Output.

The American production of pig iron in January fell off from that of December by nearly 28,000 tons. Detailed returns show a total of 3,150,938 tons, against 3,178,847 tons for December. The daily rate was 101,643 tons, or about 900 tons less than in December. This represents the lowest daily output since November, 1915. There was one more furnace in blast on February 1 than one month ago, the total being 312, but the capacity is somewhat less, being 101,686 tons per day, against a rate of 101,975 tons daily on January 1. At that the going rate is now only 41 per cent. below the average throughout 1916.

## Cuba as Textile Market.

Washington, February 9.—American neglect of Cuba as a textile goods market has given other countries an advantage in supplying cotton and woolen goods to the island. A report to-day by the Commerce Department said the United States has sold only a small part of the goods Cuba consumes when the tariff is 30 per cent. less on American goods than on similar commodities from other countries. The island buys about \$10,000,000 worth annually. "The United States," says the report, "is the logical source of supply for Cuban purchasers of textiles, and should obtain a much larger share of the business within the next few years."

## Manila Hotel Co.

The Manila Hotel netted a profit of \$25,000 by its operations during 1916. In 1915 the hotel suffered a deficit amounting to \$28,000. It is believed the installation is now on a sound basis and that dividends will be declared to stockholders this year.

## An Export Tax on Rubber.

The *India Rubber World* of New York, says it is not possible that with the crude rubber business in her own hands Britain will long omit to impose an export tax sufficient to be of material assistance in liquidating her immense war debt. Holland, too, has suffered great financial losses through the war, and an export tax on india-rubber assessed by English colonies would doubtless be initiated by the colonies of the Netherlands. Of course, this would stimulate rubber planting and do much for wild rubber besides; but prices would go up and stay up on all grades. It is probable that nothing will be done by America to counteract this tendency. Certainly, our Government will not, perhaps cannot, come to the rescue of the trade as England or Germany would under like conditions, continues the American journal.

It will be recalled, for instance, that America once held the rest of the world in leash with her practical monopoly of cotton growing. To effect it England produced not only Egyptian, but Indian and West Indian cotton. And in this she was wise and right. American investments in rubber plantations of the Far East, already large, will doubtless have a mitigating influence. What would be far more potent, however, would be American plantations in American territory, not to drive the Far Eastern planter from the field, for he deserves his success and should be protected, but just to keep us from being so wholly, so helplessly dependent.

## Reported Import Prohibition in Australia.

It is reported that a Yokohama exporter has received a telegram stating that the Australian Government will follow the lead taken by the Mother-country in imposing an extensive embargo on imports. This report is in a measure corroborated by a telegram received by the *Kobe Shoten*, of Fukuoka, which says there are indications that the Australian Government will also prohibit the importation of habutae. If the report turns out true, on top of British embargo, this will not a little increase the damage to the interests of habutae merchants, more so especially of Fukuoka weavers, who will have no alternative to meet the situation but to restrict operations. According to the latest information from Fukuoka, they have as a matter of fact, already begun considering an agreement on this course.

## Refrigerating Stores for India.

It is reported that a scheme is being matured for the erection of cold storage establishments at many of the large Indian cities, such as Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta. At the few places where cold stores exist, they are far too small for the requirements and it is thought that when the work is carried out it will be an enormous advantage to the inhabitants of India. Ice making plants will also be installed, and these will possibly have the effect of lowering the selling price of ice, which in some parts of India is excessively high. Construction will probably be started shortly, and it is hoped that the whole scheme, which is on a very large scale, will be completed in a few years. The refrigerating chambers will have an extensive storage capacity, the buildings will in each case occupy a prominent site in the city, and architecturally they will be extremely imposing. A large American concern is interested in this venture, and one of the main ideas of the promoters is that the Indian retailer shall be able to purchase his meat at the best market time, and have it kept in cold storage until he requires it, at a cost scarcely exceeding, and in some cases less than if it were kept in ordinary non-refrigerated stores.

## Hupeh Paper Mill.

The Chinese Ministry of Finance is planning the re-organization of the Hupeh Paper Mill, so that it may increase its output and yield profits. The mill is well equipped with up-to-date machinery but its business has been very unattractive owing to inefficient management. The Ministry of Finance has appointed Mr. Liu Tzu-ching, Comptroller of the Russo-Asiatic Bank in Hongkong, Director of the Paper Mill. Share debentures will be issued to augment the capital of the mill.

## British Trade Restrictions.

With regard to the export of wheat and cleaned rice to Britain and the import of steel plate from that country, the Japanese *Official Gazette* contains the following information received by the British Ambassador in Tokyo by cable from the home Government and transmitted to the Japanese Foreign Office:—"The report that wheat and cleaned rice can be imported into Great Britain only when specially permitted by the Government is untrue. Steel plates cannot be exported to Japan on account of a shortage in Britain itself, except when it is certified by the Minister of Munition that such export is of national importance to Great Britain." As recently mentioned, the British Government prohibited the importation of bronze powder and imitation gold-foil. Under date February 23, the Kyoto Chamber of Commerce, through the Foreign Office, addressed a telegraphic inquiry to the Japanese Consul-General in London regarding conditions necessary for obtaining special import permits. His reply to this inquiry is also published in the *Official Gazette*, as follows:—"According to the British authorities, the granting of special permission for the import of bronze powder and imitation gold-foil will be considered on the application of the importer in Britain in accordance with the conditions of the country. The British authorities will give separate consideration to each application, and reserve decision entirely to themselves."

## Colombian Treaty Withdrawn.

Washington, March 10.—Before the Senate's adjournment, the treaty with Colombia, which would compensate her for damages suffered when the United States built the Panama canal and later recognized the republic of Panama, was withdrawn on motion of Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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